

State Board of Education Meeting – Audio – 8/21/14 Part 1 (30:26) Opening, Call to Order, Roll Call, Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes, Formal Public Comment, Committee Reports from State Board Members, Update and Information from Executive Director, State Board FY 15 Budget, Special Committee on Financial Literacy, Update on Literacy Campaign Efforts, Secretary's Report

Meeting called to order at 1:01 p.m. The following members of the State Board were present: Dr. Teri Quinn Gray, President, Jorge L. Melendez, Vice President; Gregory B. Coverdale, Jr.; G. Patrick Heffernan, Barbara B. Rutt and Dr. Terry M. Whittaker. Secretary of Education Mark Murphy was present to serve as the Executive Secretary for the State Board and the Board's Executive Director, Donna Johnson, was also present. Mr. Hughes arrived after roll was called.

Attached is the sign in sheet of attendees for the Board meeting. The agenda was approved as presented. The motion was made by Mr. Heffernan and seconded by Mr. Coverdale. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Melendez to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 17, 2014 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heffernan and carried unanimously by voice vote. (Dr. Whittaker abstained as he was not present at the July meeting).

Two individuals signed up to address the Board for public comment. Mike Matthews is a teacher in the Red Clay School District and expressed concern over the amendments to Regulation 106A and the DPAS II evaluation as it impacts teachers with less than three years of experience. He stated that new teachers are very vulnerable and need support.

Jonathan Kirch from the American Heart Association spoke in favor of the amendments to Regulation 851, K to 12 Comprehensive Health Education Program which incorporates the psychomotor skills learning into CPR instruction. He thanked the Department for these regulation changes noting that many lives will be saved.

Board members highlighted their monthly activities. Ms. Johnson highlighted items in her Executive Director's report including the Board's webinar of August 4th that was a follow up to the Board's June workshop on educator evaluation systems with Charlotte Danielson as the key speaker.

Dr. Gray spoke of the newly formed Committee for the Advancement of Educator Compensation and Careers. The committee was formed through legislation and Dr. Gray serves as its chair. The charge of the committee is to present a report to the Governor's office by November 15th with an alternative compensation plan, its fiscal note and any proposed legislation.

Mr. Melendez chair of the State Board Budget Committee stated that there were no changes to the draft FY 15 budget. A motion was made by Mr. Heffernan to approve the Board's FY 15 budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melendez and carried unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Coverdale requested that the State Board form a special committee of stakeholders to study and make recommendations on financial literacy. The motion was made by Mr. Heffernan, seconded by Dr. Whittaker and carried unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Johnson provided an update on the Board's Literacy Campaign.

Secretary Murphy provided his monthly report to the Board highlighting the Delaware Future Leaders Program which just concluded. He thanked DOE staff members that mentored an intern. He also highlighted the 50th Anniversary of Groves Adult High School and the graduation he attended. The 27 graduates all exhibited a deep sense of accomplishment. Secretary Murphy also commented on students returning to school.

Ms. Johnson commented that the State Board participated in the Delaware Future Leaders Program and Dr. Erica Thomas from the Capital School District was the State Board's intern.

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Penny Schwinn, Chief Officer for Assessment, Accountability, Performance and Evaluation was joined by Brian Touchette, Office of Assessment and Kate Villari, Office of Performance Management for this presentation. Mr. Touchette provided a follow up to the presentation the Board received in July on state assessment as the Board received a deeper analysis of flat scores and the achievement gap. The Board was reminded that different rules apply when calculating the state summary results and accountability results. Ms. Villari provided background information of LEA monitoring which merged ESEA and RTTT monitoring routines. Ms. Schwinn provided accountability results noting that four districts did not meet their targets. The Board received reasons districts felt they had growth and also challenges identified by districts. Ms. Schwinn noted that the new priority schools would be announced on September 4th and will be based on the new methodology focused on proficiency. It was explained that charter schools fall under a different accountability system and no charter school would be a priority school but they can be in the school support system.

The Board recessed from 3:02 p.m. to 3:13 p.m.

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Christopher Ruszkowski, Chief Officer of the Teacher Leader Effectiveness Unit presented the DPAS II implementation report from the 2013-2014 school year. The report focused on the evaluations of teachers and specialists noting that Components 1-IV are by observation and Component V focuses on student improvement. The Board was shown the percentage of teachers and specialists that received "effective" or "highly effective" as well as the discretion that is used by districts to change an unsatisfactory rating.

Don Beers from the Progress Education Corporation stated that this was the seventh year of the survey and noted that the interviews were extended for more in depth conversation. The survey had a 44.8% response rate for teachers, 44.8% for specialists and 53.4% for administrators. A grade of "C" was given by a majority of the respondents. Recommendations

from the survey asked for the expanded use of technology, expanded use of walkthroughs, and refocus professional development benefits on reflective practice. Many also felt that Component V overshadows observations and conversations and that the improvement plan status negatively impacts the process.

The Board recessed from 4:55 p.m. to 5:02 p.m.

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Michael Watson, Chief Academic Officer, Peggy Enslen, Education Associate for Health Sciences and Tina Shockley, Policy Adviser for the Department, presented Regulation 851, K to 12 Comprehensive Health Education Program. The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens provided their comments and the regulation will be presented to the State Board next month for action. Regulation 930 Supportive Instruction (Homebound), Regulation 401 Major Capital Improvement Programs and Regulation 415 Voluntary School Assessment were on the Board's agenda for information only as they require only the approval of the Secretary.

Ms. Johnson stated that the monthly update from the Charter Schools Office was posted on eBoard adding that Ms. Nagourney was unable to attend today's meeting. Mary Kate McLaughlin, Chief of Staff for the Department and Jennifer Carlson from the Charter School Office presented the remaining charter items. Moyer Academic Institute submitted an application for a major modification of its charter's education plan which would institute a new curriculum in English language arts and mathematics. It was noted that additional information was requested and the school's response failed to include the curriculum's scope and sequence. Secretary Murphy stated he was not approving the school's modification request therefore since charter statute requires approval by both the Secretary and the State Board and given the Secretary's recommendation not to approve, no Board action was required.

Chris Kenton, Executive Director of the Professional Standards Board, presented three action items before the State Board. Regulation 1510 Initial Licensure was presented and amends the regulation in order to align licensure requirements and timelines. Comments were received and some revisions made based on the comments. The Professional Standards Board, acting in cooperation and collaboration with the Department of Education is seeking the assent of the State Board to amend Regulation 1510 Issuance of Initial License. A motion was made by Mr. Coverdale to consent to the amendment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heffernan and carried by roll call vote: Ayes – Mr. Coverdale, Mr. Melendez, Dr. Whittaker, Dr. Gray; Nays – Mr. Heffernan, Mr. Hughes, Mrs. Rutt.

Regulation 1599 Delaware Education Technology Standards for Leaders and Teachers was presented. Comments were also received for this amendment. The Professional Standards Board, acting in cooperation and collaboration with the Department of Education is seeking the assent of the State Board to amend Regulation 1599 Delaware Education Technology Standards

for Leaders and Teachers. A motion was made by Dr. Whittaker to consent to the amendment. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rutt and carried unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Kenton stated that the cut scores presented and approved at the June meeting needed to be amended to reflect the correct score due to a typographical error. It was requested that the Science cut score be amended from 157 to 159 and the Social Studies cut score be amended from 157 to 155. A motion was made by Mr. Heffernan to consent to the amendments of the cut scores for Elementary Education Science and Social Studies. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coverdale and carried unanimously by voice vote.

Dr. Gray noted the information items listed on the Board's agenda. There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Melendez to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Whittaker and carried unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Murphy", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark T. Murphy, Executive Secretary
and Secretary of Education

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Chris Kerton	Prof. Standards Board
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Gloria Grantham	DOE
Mike Matthews	Red Clay EA
Jane Shuckley	DOE
Kate Villani	DOE
Lisa Hedrick	ETS / Praxis
Jonathan Kutz	AHA/ASA
Shawna Young	DOE
Elizabeth Lewis	OMB

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Peg Enslin	DOE-CTE
Erica Thomas	SBE
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<u>Catherine Aickin</u>	<u>DOE</u>
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